

RESOLUTION NO. 1345

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA IMPOSING A PROHIBITION ON CAMPFIRES AND OPEN FIRES ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS

WHEREAS, the "Energy Release Component", a multi-component measure of fuel moisture, relative humidity and temperature was tested on Forest Service land within Yavapai County by the United States Forest Service on April 18, 2002, and was determined to be at its highest level in recorded history; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent to assume that measurements of the Energy Release Component taken on private and other public lands adjoining the National Forest would yield results consistent with those obtained by the Forest Service in its April 18th test; and

WHEREAS, The measured levels of the Energy Release Component are consistent with the existence of an "Extreme Fire Danger" on public and private lands within Yavapai County; and

WHEREAS extensive fires in and around Prescott, Arizona, commencing on May 16, 2002, have caused widespread damage to public and private property and continue to threaten further destruction; and

WHEREAS, uncontrolled fires pose a direct threat to the health and safety of the public by inflicting injury through burns and suffocation and an indirect threat to health and safety through the destruction of vital infrastructure including, but not limited to, housing, water, electricity and waste disposal.

WHEREAS, extreme fire danger conditions as presently exist within Yavapai County pose an imminent threat of additional fires within the currently affected areas and elsewhere within the County; and

WHEREAS, during periods of extreme fire danger, flames and sparks from campfires and other open fires may easily ignite surrounding fuel materials resulting in additional uncontrolled fires and, thereby, further increasing the threat to public health, safety, peace and order in Yavapai County; and

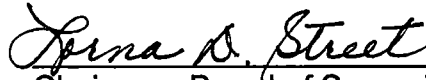
WHEREAS, the Yavapai County Emergency Management Coordinator has recommended that the Board of Supervisors take such steps as may be required to prohibit open fires and campfires on both public and private lands.

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 11-251(17) a county board of supervisors is authorized to adopt provisions necessary to preserve the health of the county.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. That, in order to preserve health, safety, peace and order of Yavapai County , all campfires and other open fires on private and public lands are hereby prohibited until such time as the Yavapai County Emergency Management Coordinator has determined that the Extreme Fire Danger condition no longer exists.
2. That persons violating the prohibition on campfires and other open fires as set forth herein shall be subject to such penalties as may be provided at law.
3. That Board Resolution No. 1343 is hereby repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 20th day of May, 2002.


Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board of Supervisors